



Doctor Knowall and the Mystery of the Missing Gold

Once upon a time, there was a clever but poor peasant named Crabb. He sold wood to a doctor and noticed how luxuriously the doctor lived. Crabb thought to himself, "I want to be a doctor too!"

He asked the doctor how to become one, and the doctor jokingly said, "Buy a book with a rooster on the cover, sell your cart and oxen to get some doctor things, and put up a sign saying 'I am Doctor Knowall.'"

Crabb did exactly that and soon became known as Doctor Knowall, even though he didn't know much about being a doctor.

One day, a rich lord had his gold stolen and heard about Doctor Knowall. He thought, "This doctor must be able to find my gold!" So he went to see Doctor Knowall and asked for his help. Crabb agreed to help, but only if his wife, Grethe, could come too.

At the lord's castle, they had a grand feast. As the servants brought in the dishes, Crabb whispered to Grethe, "That's the first, second, and third," counting the dishes. The servants thought he knew they were the thieves and got scared.

When it was time to find the gold, Doctor Knowall was clueless. He opened his book and mumbled to himself. But when he said, "Ah, poor Crabb," the lord thought he meant a servant named Crabb had the gold!

The scared servants begged Doctor Knowall to keep their secret and showed him where the gold was hidden. Crabb didn't tell the lord who the thieves were but showed him where the gold was.

Doctor Knowall became famous for solving the mystery, even though he didn't really know anything about being a doctor. And that's how Crabb, the clever peasant, became known as the wise Doctor Knowall.